

Intimations.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALPHINGTON, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham.—Wheeler & Co.
COLUMBUS, British ship, Captain E. Shrewsbury.—Wheeler & Co.

COLORADO, American ship, Captain Ingraham.—Russell & Co.

KATE GARNIE, British barque, Captain James Wilson.—Malchers & Co.

BROOMHALL, British ship, Captain H. Bate.—Russell & Co.

CHARTER OAK, American ship, Captain Staples.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

FORMOSA, German 8-m. schooner, Capt. Schwager.—Malchers & Co.

PARACA, British barque, Captain C. Phillips.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

ANNIE S. HALL, American barque, Capt. Chas. H. Nelson.—Captain.

BIRKBE, British ship, Captain W. Reynolds.—Order.

JURGEN, German barque, Capt. W. Winds.—Stamess & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. "MALACCA."

will leave for the above place at 10 a.m. on TUESDAY, 18th Instant.

ADAM LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 17, 1877. de18

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. "GLENGYLE."

will leave for the above place at Noon on TUESDAY, 18th Instant.

ADAM LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 17, 1877. de18

FOR SHANGHAI & YOKOHAMA.

The Department of the S. S. "STATE OF ALABAMA."

is unavoidably POSTPONED until Noon TO-MORROW, instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents, S. S. State of Alabama, Hongkong, December 17, 1877. de18

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "GLENGYLE."

Capt. QUARTLEY, will leave for the above Port at Noon, TO-MORROW, the 18th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents, S. S. Glengyle, Hongkong, December 17, 1877. de18

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Steamship "TAIWAN."

will be dispatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 19th Instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAURIE & Co., Hongkong, December 17, 1877. de18

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

The S. S. Glengyle having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before 11 a.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 24th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents, S. S. Glengyle, Hongkong, December 17, 1877. de24

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. "GLENGYLE."

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the Steamers MALACCA from London, and POONAH from Calcutta, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 24th Instant will be subject to rent.

ADAM LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 17, 1877. de24

CHRISTMAS.

CHRISTMAS CAKES, made to order by HONGKONG & CHINA BAKERY Co. Special Agents.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, December 17, 1877. de31

FOR SALE.

VERY FINE and Full AUSTRALIAN OATS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, December 17, 1877. de24

PUBLIC AUCTION.

JAPANESE CURIOS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sales Room, Praya, on

THURSDAY, the 20th Instant, at 2 p.m.—

A Very Choice Collection of Rare and Old JAPANESE CURIOS, consisting of Old Sake, Kutani, Hizen, Owari and Tokio Ware.

A few rare Old Bronzes, and Carved Ivory.

A few Choice Specimens of Old and Superior Lacquer Ware.

(On view from Noon on Wednesday). The attention of Connoisseurs is invited.

Hongkong, December 17, 1877. de30

To-day's Advertisements.

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed by H. KINGSLEY, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, at his Residence, "As You Like It," Albany Hill Road, on

THURSDAY,

the 27th December, 1877, at Noon,—

The HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE (chiefly London-made), and other Effects.

The Drawing-room Furniture, Consists chiefly of Superior Carved and Polished Walnut Tables, Couch, and Lounging Chairs, also Came and Wicker Chairs, Chintz Curtains and Fittings, a Brussels Carpet, a Collard and Collard Piano, and a Four-Burner Hanging Lamp, by Osler.

The Dining-room contains a well-seasoned, Hand-polished Mahogany telescope Table, with Spare Leaves; a full Set of Solid Mahogany Dinner Chairs, Covered with Morocco, a Mahogany Sideboard with Carved Back and Marble Top, Electroplated Ware, Glass Ware, Crockery, &c., &c.

The Bedrooms contain Brass and Iron Bedsteads, with Hair Mattress, Chintz Hangings, &c., a Complete Set of Polished Solid Birch Furniture, well-seasoned, comprising Wardrobes, Toilet Table, Marble-Topped Washstand and Service, Chests of Drawers, Birch-Framed Toilet Glasses and Stands, Chairs, Round Table, &c., &c.

A Choice Selection of Japanese Conifer Shrubs, Standard Rose Bushes, English and Japanese Lilies, English Flowering Plants, &c., &c., will also be Sold.

On view from 12 o'clock on WEDNESDAY, the 26th.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, December 17, 1877. de27

Charters Effected.

The following charters have been effected during the last few days:—

German bark Coquette, 281, hence to Saigon, \$450 in full.

German bark Mikado, 330, hence to Batavia and Samarang, \$1,400 in full, 20 days.

Italian bark Bianca Portica, 666, hence to Toulon, \$1,400 in full, 30 days.

German bark C. R. Bishop, 698, Manila to London or Liverpool, or to New York, private.

British ship Hawkesbury, 1175, Manila to New York, private.

British bark Paraca, 464, Manila to London or Liverpool, private.

British steamer Marcia, 1080, hence to Saigon and back, \$6,100 in full, 15 day days.

German steamer Cassandra, hence to Saigon and back, 6 voyages, 24 cents per piul.

German steamer Atlanta, 782, hence to Saigon, 6 voyages, 24 cents per piul.

German steamer Altona, hence to Saigon and back, 6 voyages, 24 cents per piul.

British steamer Marcia, 1,060, monthly charter, 4 or 6 months, private.

French bark St. Adresse, 624, hence to San Francisco and back via Puget Sound, private.

Danish ship Doris Brodersen, 647, cleared for Rangoon under orders from Hongkong.

British bark Mangerton, 330, hence to Quinhon and back, 20 cents per piul, 35 day days.

British brig Victory, 265, hence to Bangkok, \$820 in full.

American bark Wealthy Pendleton, 610, Keelung to Hongkong, \$1.20 per ton of 20 keel.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 16, Strathairn, British steamer, Casap, Swatow Dec. 14, General.—Glas, Livingston & Co.

Dec. 16, Glengyle, British steamer, 1265, Quatly, London Nov. 28, via Ports of Call, and Singapore Dec. 13, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Dec. 16, Sin Nanning, British steamer, 714, Drago, Shanghai Dec. 13, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Dec. 16, Bellona, German steamer, 785, Ahrens, Saigon Dec. 11, General.—Wm. Postay & Co.

Dec. 16, Howang, Chinese steamer, 795, Lamont, Shanghai Dec. 15, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Dec. 16, Holywood, British steamer, 333, Peters, Haiphong Dec. 15, General.—Russell & Co.

Dec. 16, Geelong, British steamer, 1123, C. Fraser, Bombay Nov. 27, Galle Dec. 2, Penang 7, and Singapore 10, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Dec. 17, British, British barque, 804, Huddleston, Haiphong Dec. 9, Rice.—Russell & Co.

Dec. 17, Cuba, British barque, 820, Stobell, Keelung Dec. 18, Coal.—Mitsui & Co.

Dec. 17, Humboldt, German barque, 830, Stoll, Chetoo Dec. 5, General.—Seymour & Co.

Dec. 17, Peri, German brig, 778, Lithra, Keelung Dec. 11, Coal.—Evans & Co.

Dec. 17, Helios, German barque, 872, T. A. Volquardsen, Chetoo Dec. 7, General.—Wheeler & Co.

Dec. 17, China, German steamer, 848, Ackermann, Shanghai Dec. 13, General.—Sikkes & Co.

Dec. 17, Peng-chou hat, Chinese gunboat, from a cruise.

Dec. 17, Thibet, British steamer, 1872, J. H. Torbeck, Shanghai Dec. 14, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Dec. 17, Cosmo, French man-of-war, Dunas-Vent, Singapore Dec. 7.

Dec. 17, Scorpion, British steamer, 1692, Rye, Shanghai Dec. 7, Foochow 9, and Amoy 19, General.—Barnard & Co.

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DEPARTURES.

Dec. 16, Sin Nanning, for Canton.

16, Helios, for Canton.

16, Iracouady, for Shanghai.

16, Fifth of May, for Singapore.

16, Victory, for Bangkok.

17, Norma, for Swatow.

17, Envy, for Manila.

17, Marica, for Saigon.

17, Peng-chou hat, for a cruise.

17, China, for Canton.

State of Alabama, for Shanghai.

Mikado, for Batavia.

Strathairn, for Whampoa.

Per Glengyle, from London, &c.—For Hongkong, Mr. Hunt, and 10 Chinese. For Shanghai, Mr. Byrne and family and nurse, and Mr. Scott.

Per Geelong, for Shanghai: from Ventos, Dr. and Mrs. MacLeod, for Yokohama; from Southampton, Messrs. T. Ohta, Mochinoki, Nakamigawa, and Naberhima; from Brindisi, Mr. Arnold. For Hongkong: from Galle, Mr. Fairhurst; from Southampton, Mr. Macintyre; from Singapore, Mr. Geo. Oyasabel, and 35 Chinese.

Per Thibet, from Shanghai: Messrs. Leads, Pickman, Curtis, Wills and Horsham, Mrs. Winter, and 23 Chinese.

Per Scorpion, from Shanghai, &c.: for Hongkong, Captain Middleton; Messrs. Woods, Lubet, Johnson, Lukes, Ivy Hulse, and Rev. John Paul; for London, Revd. Mr. Dukes and Mr. Allen, and 230 Chinese for Straits.

Per Strathairn, from Swatow, 30 Chinese.

Per Bellona, from Saigon, 1 European, and 140 Chinese.

Per Howang, from Shanghai, 70 Chinese.

Per Holywood, from Haiphong, 6 Chinese.

Per China, from Shanghai, 3 European deck, and 20 Chinese.

Per Iracouady, for Shanghai, Miss Lily Lamb, Messrs. Hefenbuecher, John Kone, and Brown; from Marseilles, Messrs. Rea and Pomet; from Singapore, Mrs. John Belmont; from Saigon, Mr. and Mrs. Turano.

Per Envy, for Manila, Mr. A. Gargallo, and 178 Chinese.

Per Norma, for Swatow, 193 Chinese.

Per Marica, for Saigon, 311 Chinese.

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DEPARTURES.

The British bark Coquette reports: Light variable winds and thick weather throughout the passage.

The German bark Humboldt reports: Moderate monsoon and fine weather throughout.

The German brig Peri reports: Light variable winds and thick weather throughout the passage.

The German bark Helios reports: Moderate monsoon and cloudy weather throughout the passage.

The German steamer China reports: N.W. winds and rainy weather to Chetoo Point, from thence variable winds and thick to arrival.

The British steamer Scorpion reports: Moderate monsoon and hazy weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer Geelong reports: Experienced light N.E. to Easterly breeze and fine weather; latter part variable winds from S.E. to S.W. with light rain.

The British bark Helios reports: First 14 hours heavy N.E. winds, since then light South to S.E. winds and clear weather to arrival. Vessels in Haiphong: British schooner Ussiah, British barque Northern Star, German brig Tartar, French brig Dauphin, French barque Charis, and a German brig name unknown.

CARGO.

Per S. S. Belgic, called 10th December, 1877:—For Yokohama, 3,106 bags Sugar, 100 bags Flour, 15 casks Iron Wire, 81 cases Carbor Oil, and 464 pkgs. Merchandise.

For San Francisco, 685 bags Sugar, 29,536 bags Rice, 332 bags Beans, 28 cases Black Pepper, 500 bags Coffee, 847 pkgs. Tea, 1,177 Empty Quicksilver Flasks, 27 boxes Prepared Opium, 10 boxes Opium, 4 pkgs. Silk, and 4,113 pkgs. Merchandise.

For New York, 21 pkgs. Merchandise, 20 pkgs. Fats, and 40 bales Silk.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For MANILA.—Per Barque EVENING STAR, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 18th inst.

For YOKOHAMA.—Per MALACCA, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 18th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—Per GEELONG, at 11 a.m. To-morrow, the 18th inst. Late letters received from 11.10 to 11.30, with 18 cents late fee.

For SHANGHAI & YOKOHAMA.—Per SHIP OF ALABAMA, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 18th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS & LONDON.—Per BARBERON, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 18th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.—Per TAIWAN, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 18th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For YOKOHAMA & SAN FRANCISCO.—Per CITY OF TOKIO, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 22nd inst., instead of as previously notified.

For HAIPHONG.—Per Barque ELISE, at 9 a.m., on Monday, the 24th inst.

For SWATOW.—Per WEST STANLEY, is postponed till further notice.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

10 a.m.—Malacca leaves for Yokohama.

Noon.—Geelong leaves for Shanghai.

Noon.—State of Alabama leaves for Shanghai, &c.

Noon.—Glengyle leaves for Shanghai.

Meeting.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, December 19:—Daylight.—Taiwan leaves for Coast Ports.

THURSDAY, December 20:—Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Noon.—Tenders for the Construction of a Cook House will be received by the Naval Storekeeper.

Goods per Iracouady undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

2 p.m.—Sale of Japanese Curios, at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Sale Room, Praya.

Transfer Books of The Chinese Insurance Co

but all Chinese emigrants who shall have arrived after the ratification of this Convention shall be entitled to the same privileges as the time-expired men. All emigrants now under detention in any depot shall be at once set at liberty on the ratification of this Convention, and shall be entitled to the same privileges as other Chinese in the Island, except criminals or those who are to be tried for offences.

15. Twelve months' notice must be given for the revision of any of the provisions of this Convention. Chinese emigrants shall participate in all privileges and advantages that may have been or be hereafter conferred on people of other nations.

16. Ratifications of this Convention shall be exchanged at Peking within eight months from the date of its approval by the sovereigns of both countries. This Convention was signed in duplicate in the French language, Spanish language and Chinese language, on the 17th November 1877.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]
(By Southern Route.)

THE WAR.

A Cabinet Council has been held to-day to consider the consequences of the fall of Plevna.

Parliament has been prorogued until the 17th of January 1878.

Mr Gathorne Hardy has declared that peace is impossible without British intervention.

The Turkish Supreme Council of State has resolved to continue the war to the last extremity; the speech from the throne at Constantinople makes no mention of mediation.

M. Batbie has announced his inability to form a Cabinet; after great difficulty M. Dufaure has succeeded in forming a new Cabinet.

London, Dec. 15th, 1877.

Her Majesty the Queen visits Eughen- den to-day.

THE WAR.

A Russian attack on Erzeroum is imminent, and the British Consul there has left the place, taking with him the archives of his post.

Servia has declared war against Turkey.

The Morning Post states that the Cabinet have had under their consideration a circular despatch from the Sublime Porte, intimating that Turkey is willing to accept the mediation of the European Powers.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The delivery of the English Mail was begun at 4.40 p.m. yesterday.

A CHINESE passenger died yesterday on board the German S.S. *Bellona* shortly before she arrived in port.

The British Steamer *Nemesis* of London changed her colours on Saturday, and will in future be known as the Belgian S.S. *Peruvia* of Antwerp.

The Portuguese Transport *Africa* has gone to the Cosmopolitan (Sprat's) Dock, and H.M.S. *Andalus* went round to Aberdeen Dock this afternoon.

The Spanish brig *Explorador* swung foul of the American ship *Colorado* last night. The brig's jibboom swept the *Colorado's* poop rail, carrying away awning stanchions and doing other damage of a minor nature.

The three remaining patients in the Gaol Hospital from the result of the *Yesso* explosion have so far recovered that they were discharged from Hospital to-day, but they bore unmistakable marks of the terrible catastrophe.

On Saturday, F. Stewart, Esq., Government Inspector of Schools, held an Examination, lasting nearly six hours, of the St. Stephen's Church School, Tai-ping-shan. Sixty-two boys were presented in Standards I. to VI., of whom 52 (or 84 per cent.) passed satisfactorily.

From the *Journal das Colonias*, a Lisbon paper, dated 18th October last, we learn that in the Port of Vellas (Azores) a sealed bottle was picked up, containing a piece of paper with the following words: "6th February 1877, steamer *Gallert*, Captain Bahrend, in . . . (illegible) sea, all lost."

The Band of the 29th Regiment will perform the following programme to-morrow evening, commencing at 8.30 p.m.:

Quadrille, *Thérèse*, Godfrey.
Selection, *Attila*, Verdi.
Valse, *Love and Loyalty*, Muller.
Overture, *Semiramide*, Rossini.
Selection, *Zampa*, Herold.
Galop, *Markus*, Boederbeck.

We are glad to learn that Mr. A. G. Romano, who has lately been superseded as Acting Consul-General for Portugal in Hongkong by means of some unwholesome influence, has been elected President of the Club Lusitano for the year 1878. It would thus appear that Mr. Romano still retains, in a pre-eminent degree, the confidence and respect of his fellow-countrymen resident in this Colony.

The price of rice is rising in Hongkong owing to the scarcity of supply. We hear the stock here is at present almost all, and

pending arrivals from Saigon, higher prices will have to be looked for. Canton, from all accounts, does not seem to be much better, as the stock there is said to be very limited. The *Houmaing* imported some 3,000 piculs, but that quantity is a mere bagatelle in comparison to the requirements of the people.

The Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court will be held to-morrow. The business will be heavy, as there are no less than thirty cases on the Calendar, including the manslaughter case against the engineers of the *Yesso*. A special day will be fixed for hearing it and probably a Special Jury will be called.

In regard to the letter of "Billous Billy" appearing in the *China Mail* of Saturday we are requested by Messrs De Souza & Co. to state that the dollar for the express was returned at the time to the Postmaster General, from whom no doubt it can be obtained, and handed over to the Diocesan Home and Orphanage Fund. It appeared under "Unclaimed Correspondence" in this journal of Saturday last.

ALTHOUGH the attendance in the Public Gardens on Saturday was smaller than usual, owing no doubt mainly to the unsatisfactory appearance of the weather, yet the large sum of \$100 was taken at the gates towards the reduction of the debt incurred by the recent repairs to the Diocesan Home and Orphanage. This sum, considering the entrance fee was fixed at ten cents, is a very creditable one. Rain fell twice during the proceedings, on one occasion stopping the performance of the Band.

The Rev. J. C. Edge preached in Union Church yesterday morning, and delivered an address in the evening, at which services collections were made on behalf of the London Missionary Society's Schools in Hongkong. The rev. gentleman, after sketching very clearly the position of the Education problem at home, contended that it had been most satisfactorily solved in this Colony by the adoption of the secular system in Government Schools and by a grant-in-aid scheme for all religious denominations who cared to abide by certain simple rules. About \$65 were collected to assist the Mission Schools.

At the Marine Court to-day, Joseph Morris, a seaman belonging to the British ship *Oneida*, was charged with being drunk and disorderly on board his vessel. Defendant simply admitted the offence, and was sentenced to 7 days' hard labour.

John Dejohn, a seaman belonging to the British barque *Alexandra*, was charged with refusing duty. Defendant had been imprisoned before for a similar offence, and now told the Harbour Master that he would not work any more. He was sentenced to 12 weeks' hard labour, at order of the Captain.

Koon Aohi, a seaman belonging to a ballast boat, was charged with throwing ballast into the Harbour; he admitted the offence, and was fined \$1 or 4 days' imprisonment.

An attempt at burglary was committed on the house of Mr Bereton, at the Albany, on Sunday morning, the 16th instant, about 8 o'clock. The burglar or burglars had succeeded in opening the windows of the drawing-room by unbolting the shutters of the venetians, and removing two panes of glass from the glass window. Probably the noise of the above operations awakened the house-keeper, who raised an alarm, when the burglar or burglars beat a hasty retreat, and up to the present moment, no trace of their whereabouts has been found. The Police have been communicated with, and it is expected that something further will be heard of this matter.

The unusual warm weather at this time of the year is looked upon as a bad omen by the Chinese, and we must say the high temperature in so close proximity to Christmas time is almost without parallel in the meteorological history of the Colony, the thermometer having ranged from 70 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit within the last few days. The Chinese prognosticate that a bad year will follow, and the cogent reason they give for it is this, that severe cold may be expected at the time when rice seed should be sown, which would interfere with the health of the young plant. Thunder is also asserted by some to have been heard a few days ago, while the appearance of a rainbow in the sky on more than one occasion within the last few days greatly aid Chinese superstitious predilections. Native astrologers say that the realization of Spring weather in the middle of Winter is always a bad sign.

The Inspector of Schools—F. Stewart, Esq.—has been employed to-day in the examination of the London Mission School at Tai-ping-shan; and the result has been pre-eminently satisfactory. Forty-nine

boys were presented for examination, and of this number forty-six passed. In the first three standards all who were presented passed—one failed in the fourth, one in the fifth, and one in the sixth standard. In the first standard no one failed in anything. In the second standard there was the same result. In the third standard, sixteen boys being presented for examination, four failed, each in one subject only, which does not disqualify them for the Grant. In the three remaining standards seventeen boys were presented; three boys each failed in two of the subjects in which they were examined, and thus failed to come up to the standard required by the code. This school has thus gained the honorable distinction of doing better than any school has yet done since the establishment of the Grant-in-aid scheme.

The French sloop-of-war *Comeau*, Captain Dumas-Venue, arrived here this afternoon from Singapore, and saluted the port, and the flag of Vice Admiral Hillyar; both which salutes were duly responded to. The following is a list of her officers:—

M. Dumas-Venue, Capt. de vaisseau; M. Lantel, Capt. de frigate; M. Paré, Lieut. de vaisseau; M. M. Joannet, Lieut. de vaisseau; M. Lorgny, enseigne de vaisseau; M. Le Grand, maître de la classe; M. Le Boze, aide-commissaire; M. Dorez, aspirant de la classe; M. de St. Pierre, aspirant de la classe; M. Gouguv, aspirant de la classe; M. Mercos, aide-médecin.

The *L. & O. Express* states that the Hon. Mrs. Grosvenor has met with an accident while hunting by her horse falling. Mrs. Grosvenor, although badly bruised, is not dangerously hurt.

The Army and Navy Gazette says:—In the recent arrangements for a series of recommendations on the China Station, no attention was given to the case of the *Curlew*. Her date of commission at Hong Kong is December 1, 1874, and Admiralty officials may possibly imagine that her crew has not yet had three years of foreign service. But if we remember that the crew was sent out from England in the summer of 1874, so that even if a relief had been sent by the *Tamar*, the *Curlew's* ship's company would have been nearly four years away before they were once more amongst their friends. The only explanation we can suggest for this omission is, that it may be the intention of the Admiralty to order the *Curlew* home to pay off, and as she left England so long ago as April, 1871, she must probably require a thorough overhaul by this time.

CHINA AFFAIRS AT HOME.

(From our London Correspondent.)

London, 9th Nov., 1877.

The hitch in the despatch of the Embassy to Berlin still continues. Your readers will remember that some time ago, when it was first given out that there would be some delay, the reason assigned was that the Emperor of Germany had not yet returned to Berlin. This reason has long ago ceased to exist; and it is therefore evident that the delay arises from some other cause, and I have good reason for believing that it comes in some form or another from China, whence I understand some important documents have still to arrive. Mr. Brown, who has been spoken of as Secretary, will I am told only take the position of Attaché, as he still continues in the Customs' Service, which it would probably not be very wise to exchange for the somewhat shaky tenure of any appointment in a Chinese Embassy in Europe. I believe that the Chinese Government intend to adhere with respect to these Missions to their rule of not allowing any official to remain longer than three years at a given post. This is of course a mistake, as the reasons—such as they are—which make such a rule desirable in China do not exist in any form in Europe. In China, a given official might, by staying in a particular place, acquire an amount of local influence which to a Government so weak as that of Peking, might seem dangerous. But no such thing can occur here; seeing how much the Chinese must of necessity be separated from the mass of the people. The Chinese Mandarins will, however, be slow to perceive this, and it seems likely that they will make the silly mistake of withdrawing their representatives just when they have been here long enough to begin to be acquainted with affairs sufficiently to be of some real service.

I am informed that the London Committee of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce are actively engaged in getting up their memorial to the Government against the ratification of the Chefoo Convention in its present form; and it is probable that they will be backed up by representations from the leading Chambers of Commerce in the country. The point to which exception will most probably be made, particularly taken will no doubt be the clause with reference to *Lekin* which the more it is studied, the more absurd does it appear. I have not yet heard whether the opposition memorial in regard to which Mr. Hanbury has been so active, has yet been sent in; but I should doubt whether it will weigh much with the Government against the opinions of men who have practical experience in China and who represent a large portion of the trade there, as does the Shanghai Chamber. It seems a pity that the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce have been silent, as a representation from them would no doubt have had considerable weight. There is great difficulty in bringing any matters of this kind officially before the Government here chiefly on account of there being no London Chamber of Commerce. There is a great society of Chambers in London annually, but London itself has no such institution.

The warm discussion which has arisen in Hongkong with reference to the flying question has caused great surprise among all at Hongkong residents here. The point they seem least able to comprehend is how a system so cruel as that described by Dr. Ayres can possibly have been going on for years without any protest being made against it. It seems impossible to avoid the conclusion that that gentleman has generalized too rapidly. Of course the feeling here, if the subject were brought prominently before the public, would lead

to the humanitarian side of the question, but it is likely that the Colonial Office will deal with the matter quietly, and I should scarcely think they are likely, in view of the very definite opinions expressed, to order the abolition of this wholesale detainer.

Some rather curious telegrams are finding their way into the American papers with reference to Hongkong. From what is stated in them it would appear almost as though a revolution were pending in the Colony on account of Governor Hennessy's measures. It is stated in the *New York Times* that a protest is to be made to the British Government. What this may mean is not quite clear; but it is evident that your Governor's Barbadoes reputation has not been forgotten, and that people are expecting something similar to take place. It is to be hoped in the interests of all that matters will not reach this pass, as there is probably no Colony in the world where so much harm would be worked, or where the effects produced would be more lasting, from anything like a failure of due authority on the part of the Governor. The Chinese are utterly enough without this, and it will be difficult to keep them in order if their respect for authority be thus diminished.

The recent Blue Books on China are noticeable in their very distinct bearing upon the opium trade. If the Government be not sufficiently primed up by the reports from the various Consuls to take their bearings, it is difficult to know what will ever enable them to be so. It is clearly shown that the cultivation in China of late years has not only not been kept under but has been encouraged; Kwe, the Chinese Minister here, states that revenue is obtained by the Provincial Authorities out of the opium thus cultivated, and it is further shown that its quality is being improved so that it is likely to compete more severely than before with the Indian Drug. Why under these circumstances, we should be called upon not only to leave China free to collect whatever inland duties she likes upon Indian Opium, but to help her to do so, which is what the Chefoo Convention points to, must puzzle everybody but members of the Anti-Opium Society to say. The extraordinary thing is that this is one of the questions which a section of the British public thinks can be decided upon purely abstract grounds and without being bothered by such annoying things as facts.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates sitting).
Dec. 17th, 1877.

DRUNKS AND CHAIRS.

Andrew Dryburgh, carpenter, belonging to the S. S. *Nemesis*, was charged with being drunk and refusing to pay chair hire, and fined 50 cents and to pay 40 cents chair hire.

Thomas Hicks, a seaman belonging to the same steamer, was fined \$1 and to pay 75 cents amends for being drunk, refusing to pay chair hire, and breaking the chair.

A REGULAR BAD UN.

Manuel Gomes, a cook unemployed, was charged with being found lying drunk under a verandah in Queen's Road Central, Indian Constable (No. 685), who arrested the defendant, stated that he had been several times charged with drunkenness and destitution, and his passage was once paid to Macao. Defendant stated, in defence, that he was destitute and expected to get employment as a watchman at Aberdeen Dock.

Mr. May sentenced him to 14 days' hard labour as a rogue and vagabond.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Chan Aohung, a gardener, was fined 30 shillings or 14 days' hard labour for being in possession of a few pieces of stone, which he had taken from a quarry-man's shed, the property of the Government.

DEAR LODGING.

Wong Ai and Wan Atak, farmer, and hawker, respectively, were sent to four months' hard labour for being found concealed under a bed with the evident intent of committing a felony.

GAMBLING.

Chan Ang, a coolie, was charged with gambling in company with several others, near the Harbour Master's Office, and fined 50 cents or 2 days' imprisonment.

DISORDERLY.

Un Ahwan and Tam Ah-lo, ricepounders, were charged with fighting and creating a disturbance in Market Street. The defendant stated that he was only skylarking with that 2nd defendant, and he got angry and struck him with his shoes; the 2nd defendant said this was false; the 1st defendant picked his pocket and stole \$2. The arresting constable (No. 279), recalled, said nothing was said about this before, he (the Constable) understood that they were fighting about gambling. Mr. Russell fined the first \$1 or 2 days' imprisonment, and the second \$2 or 4 days' imprisonment.

ROGUERY.

Chan Atak, a coolie, was charged with begging from a foreigner and pretending to be sick by tying a white cloth round his head. Defendant said he was sick, but was not begging. Sergt. MacKie said that he saw the defendant sitting down in Bon-nan road, and he then had a cloth round his head and simulated sickness; but he appeared strong and able to work. Fined \$2 or 7 days' hard labour.

FUGITIVES.

Leong Achin and Tung Awai, fishmonger and hawker respectively, were charged with fighting in Lascar Row; the 1st defendant was bleeding from the nose. Fined 50 cents each or 2 days' hard labour.

LARCENY.

Li Apin, a coolie, was sent to 3 months' hard labour for stealing a pipe from a dwelling house, value \$2.00. He threw away the pipe before he was caught.

ANOTHER UNCONSCIOUSFUL THIEF.

Wong Ahip, a coolie, was charged with attempting to steal some firewood which was stacked outside a pawnshop, and sent to 21 days' hard labour.

STILL ANOTHER.

Chan Ahn, a coolie, was caught in the act of stealing a blind, which he had cut from a chair belonging to a gentleman residing at Alexandra Terrace. Mr. May sent him to 3 months' hard labour.

LOST AND FOUND AGAIN.

Mok Aping, a married woman, made an application to Mr. May for the registration

of her grand-child, which was now in the possession of another woman named To A-wai, who it appears purchased it for \$20. Her parents who had gone to California. The woman agreed to let the child be redeemed.

Inspector Craddock made an application to Mr. May to bind over three men, named respectively Chan Afuk, Li Achan, and Tsang Asan, who he said were necessary witnesses in an important case. Mr. May ordered them to each find security in one household for \$25, to appear on the 20th instant.

DEATH OF ORDINANCE FOR THE PREPARATION AND SALE OF PREPARED OPIUM.

The remanded case in which Luk Atsang, a coolie, and Chung Akwan, a farmer, were charged with a breach of the Ordinance for the preparation and sale of opium came on again to-day; and as the prisoners were unable to substantiate the statements they made on Friday, Mr. May fined them each \$250, or three months' hard labour, a portion of the fine to be paid, and the opium to be confiscated and handed over to the Opium Farmer.

DARING ROBBERY.

Wong Afuk, a hawker, was charged with stealing \$35 in notes from the person of Mr. Alex. Amande de Silva, a clerk residing at Queen's Road East, and employed by the Patent Slip and Dock Company. The complainant was changing a note at a money-changer's when he felt some one pull at his pocket, and on looking round observed the prisoner running away. Complainant pursued him, and he (prisoner) was stopped by Chinese Constable (No. 254), the notes being picked up on the pavement. Several previous convictions were proved against the defendant, all of which he admitted to be correct. He declined to make any defence, but said he would rather die than be sent to the Supreme Court. Mr. Russell committed the prisoner for trial.

ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Goolong*, Captain C. Fraser, with the London mails of the 9th November, arrived here yesterday.

TELEGRAMS.

(Straits Times Extra.)

Bombay, Nov. 20.—A special London telegram to the *Bombay Gazette* says that Kars was captured after 12 hours' fighting. 5,000 Turks were killed and wounded, 10,000 prisoners and 800 cannon were taken. The Russian loss was 2,700. Erzeroum is endangered.

London, Nov. 27.—The Russians have captured Etropol, south of Vratza. A Russian official despatch states that the Russians have captured the impregnable position of Provita, near Orhanie, after a forty-eight hours' march through an inaccessible region. The Russian loss was trifling. It is reported that the Turks have abandoned Orhanie.

Rome, Nov. 27.—The Pope, who has been very ill, is reported slightly better.

Madras, Nov. 23.—The appearance of the crops along the railway route from Tuticorin is splendid. Rain has fallen and is still falling heavily, and the only danger now is that there may be too much.

London, Nov. 28.—Suleiman Pasha is advancing with success on Metohka, situated about ten miles from Rastchuk. The Serbian militia abroad have been ordered to join their respective regiments by the 30th instant, when the proclamation of Serbian independence is expected.

London, Nov. 28.—A Russian official despatch has been received, which states that the Turks have experienced a defeat at Metohka and have been compelled to fall back. Constant skirmishes are taking place between Suleiman Pasha's outposts and those of the Czar's army. According to the latest news to hand the Russians apparently intend to re-cross the Balkans. The *Daily Telegraph* confirms the report that the Turks are evacuating Orhanie, but adds that they will hold the Orhanie Pass.

Paris, Nov. 29.—Marshal MacMahon has had an interview with M. Jules Grévy, during which he evinced a disinclination to conclude, and said he never contemplated a coup d'état.

London, Nov. 29.—A despatch has been received from Ghazi Mukhtar, dated Erzeroum, November 25th, stating that the Russians still maintained their positions before that city, but that operations were suspended in consequence of severe weather, there being three feet of snow on the ground. Lord Derby, in replying to a deputation which waited on him yesterday, said that he differed from the prevalent opinion that the Euphrates Valley route was the true route to India. England, he said, had no reason to depart from the neutral attitude she had assumed throughout the Russo-Turkish war, and he contended that Constantinople was in imminent danger, not was the Bosphorus all menaced. His Lordship then said that the British Navy could not go to Constantinople unless the Porte first sanctioned such a step, and that as regards mediation, should occasion offer, England would not lose the opportunity.

Calcutta, Nov. 29.—The Viceroy and suite arrived at half-past five this afternoon, all well. The East Indian Railway Volunteers formed a guard of honour at the Howrah station, and the Calcutta Volunteers, numbering over 450, at Government House.

London, Nov. 30.—The Russian press advocates the retention of Kars. The report current that the Russians will accept an armistice after the fall of Plevna is semi-officially denied.

Calcutta, Nov. 30.—Three days' rain have delayed operations against the Jowakia. Several Jowakia towers were blown down on Saturday. The troops at Chitral will not be withdrawn at present, owing to the expedition.

Calcutta, Nov. 31.—News having been received at Fort Mackeson of an intended raid of Jowakia towards Shumshulito, Captains Swinney and Trotter started with 15 cavalry and 40 infantry. They met the enemy and exchanged shots. Captain Swinney withdrew to the open plain; when the Jowakia followed and charged. Captain Swinney cut and wounded an Afriidi, who wounded him on the right arm, cutting an artery. Captain Swinney died in the evening from loss of blood. The Afriidi was killed. No other casualties on our side. The Afriidi lost six Jowakia and

some Ashbu Khoyis killed, many wounded. Calcutta, Nov. 28.—The 20th Regiment of Punjab Infantry left Feshawar on Thursday, for Fort Mackeson. 400 men of the 8th Queen's leave to-day. An elephant battery goes on Monday, when the whole force will attack the village Borse.

China.

ROOMOV.

(Herald, Dec. 6th.)

H. M. S. *Moore*, under command of Lieut.-Commander Carey, arrived from Amoy on the 25th ultimo. She will, we believe, remain on this station for a short period.

The courier service between this port and Amoy ceased on the 30th ultimo, but will, in all probability, be resumed next May. For the ensuing four or five months we shall consequently be dependent on the regular coast steamers for telegraphic advices from Europe.

Two gentlemen in the employ of the Netherlands Indian Government arrived in the Foreign Settlement a few days ago from Amoy, having travelled overland via Tenping. They describe the route as extremely picturesque, and speak in high terms of the friendly behaviour of the country people. The journey occupied about three weeks, including several detentions on the way, and was accomplished in great part by means of boat.

Extraordinary as the weather may be in other parts of the world there is no doubt that the current autumnal season in Foochow has been, and continues to be, altogether exceptional. Instead of the bright azure sky and keen bracing air by which old Foochow residents were accustomed to identify this particular period of the year, we have been called upon to undergo an early edition of sodden, dank weather, thoroughly characteristic of the freshest season with which most of us are as unpleasantly familiar.

On the early morning of Sunday last, between two and three o'clock, an extensive fire broke out in the south-eastern suburb, in the quarter immediately facing the river. About two hundred houses were burnt in short, the entire block. The fire is supposed to have originated in one of the numerous gambling houses of the neighbourhood; but this is mere rumour; it is more probable that it was the work of incendiaries, to whom the prospect of loot is ever welcome. Barely twelve months have elapsed since the same quarter was destroyed by fire, so that this fresh disaster, with the intervening floods in June last, must be severely felt by the poorer inhabitants of the district.

The programme of the Winter Race Meeting has been published, and leaves nothing to be wished for. To judge from the number of first-class ponies already on the course we may fairly assume that there will be good fields; and that the numerous events will be well contested. The prevailing unfavorable weather, training is rather backward, but owners have yet a clear month before them, so that, if the clerk of the weather relents, there will be ample time for preparation, and, despite envious augurs, pleasant morning canters.

We understand that some of the European engineers on board the *Alphalbet* gunboats at Mamoi Arsenal have resigned. For some time past we believe they have been dissatisfied with their position under Chinese officers—by whom it is stated they have been treated in a supercilious and inconsiderate manner. Quite recently we had occasion to draw attention to the social status (Chinese) of these sucking naval heroes, and if our present information is correct, we feel fully justified in asserting a very generally accepted opinion as to the unfitness for command, especially over Europeans, of these self-sufficient and decidedly low-caste offshoots of the Mamoi Arsenal School.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, December 17, 1877.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$690
" credit,
" Old Patna, cash, None
" credit,
" New Benares, cash, 600
" credit,
" Old Benares, cash, None
" credit,
" New Malwa, cash,
" credit, 725
" Allowance Teals,
" Old Malwa, cash,
" credit, 745
" Allowance Teals,
" credit, 745

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 8/11
" 30 days' sight, ... 3/11
" 60 days' sight, ... 3/11
Credits, ... 4/0
Documentary, 6 months' sight, ... 4/0
Bombay, demand Rupees, ... 225
Calcutta, ... 225
Shanghai, demand, ... 724
" 30 days' sight, ... 73
Bar Silver, 17, dwt. B., ... 10 1/2
Soyee, ... 9
Mexican, ... 1 p. c. pm.
Gold Leaf, ... 26.20
English Sovereigns, ... 5.06
Australian Sovereigns, ... 5.08
Discount, ... 8 a 10

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 37 1/2 prem.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,100
China Trade Ins. Co., \$2,800
Chinese Insurance Co., \$27
Yongwah Ins. Assoc., Tls. 650
North China Ins. Co., 77 1/2
E.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$175
China Fire Ins. Co., \$175
E.K. & W. Dock Co., 4 1/2 dts.
H.K. C. & M. S.-boat Co., 16 1/2 dts.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 28
Hongkong Gas Co., \$75
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$56
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$104

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Telford & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, December 17, 1877.
BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 30.098
" 1 P.M. ... 30.020
" 4 P.M. ... 30.022
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 78
" 1 P.M. ... 79
" 4 P.M. ... 78
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 71 1/2
" 1 P.M. 77
" 4 P.M. 76
Do. Maximum ... 79
Do. Minimum over night 70

Mails.



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Ports, Southampton,
and London,
Also,
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NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
THIBET, Captain TORBOK, will leave
this on THURSDAY, the 20th December,
at Noon.
Tea and General Cargo for London, will
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arriving one week later than by the
direct route. Silk and Valuables will be
transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle.
For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent,
Hongkong, December 11, 1877. de20

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Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
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CENT on regular rates is granted to
OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY,
AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND
CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m., 21st Instant. Parcel Packages will
be received at the office until 5 p.m., same
day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 5, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 10, 1877. de22

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR—
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSILLAS;
Also,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 27th December,
1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S.
DIEMNAH, Commandant CHAMRENOIS,
with MAELS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.
on the 26th December, 1877. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

H. DU POUY,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 14, 1877. de27

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
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THE S. S. "GALIC" will be de-
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on FRIDAY, the 4th January, 1878,
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Japan, the United States and Europe.
Connection is made at Yokohama, with
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Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m., and the 3rd January, 1878. PARCEL
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A Reduction is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.
G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, December 14, 1877. de27

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. EMERALDA, FROM AMOY
AND MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per above
Steamer are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed and stored
at their risk in the Godowns of the Under-
signed.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
J. Y. V. SHAW.

Hongkong, December 13, 1877. de20

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. State of Alabama, Captain
RITCHIE, having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their
Goods are being landed at their risk and
stored in the Godowns of the Under-
signed, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats
Delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be sent on to
Shanghai and/or Yokohama, unless notice
to the contrary is given before 5 p.m.
To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
22nd Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

The Steamer having met with certain
accidents during her voyage, Consignees
will be required to sign an Average Agree-
ment, which is lying at the Office of the
Under-
signed, before delivery of their Cargo
can be obtained.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents, S. S. State of Alabama.
Hongkong, December 15, 1877. de22

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

S. S. IRAOUADY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S.
Gange, from London, in connection
with the above Steamer, are hereby
informed that their Goods are being landed
and stored at their risk at the Company's
Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained
immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless intimation is received from the Con-
signees, before To-morrow, the 14th Inst.,
at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Under-
signed.

Goods remaining undelivered after Thurs-
day, the 20th Instant, at Noon, will be
subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 13, 1877. de20

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Under-
signed for counter-
signature, and take immediate delivery.
This Cargo has been landed and stored at
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY,
Agent.

Ex Amatoz.

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Ex Diemnah.

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Arms, from Marseilles.

W G S No. 17 Mr G. W. Scott, 7 cases

W B Wine, from Mar-

H.M.S. Lapwing, sedes.

Mr J. Ridley, 1 case Effects, from

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Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

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Hongkong, July 30, 1877.

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Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

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THE Dwelling House and Office, No. 1,

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Intimations.

VICTORIA REGATTA.

TWENTY-SECOND MEETING.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

21st and 22nd December, 1877.

CITY OF

HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN POPE HEN-

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